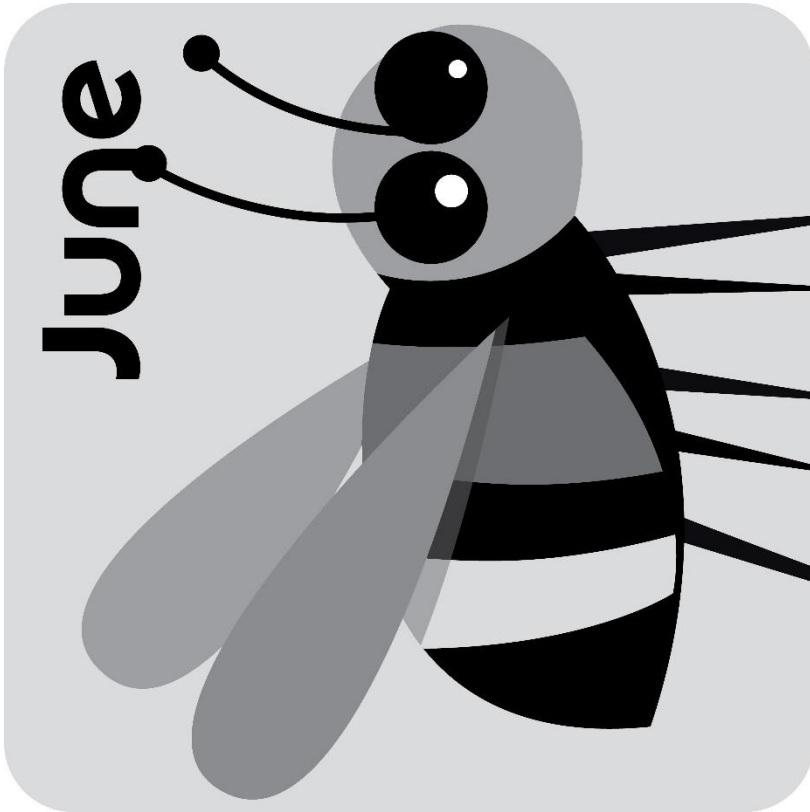


# The Epistle

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

***June 2025***



*Gathered to Go . . . to study God's Word, Worship together; and to walk with Christ by loving, serving and nurturing all God's people where ever they are and whatever their circumstances.*

## **From Pastor Lori**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I listen to Christian music because the words remind me about the promises and ways of God. I don't know about you, but in a world where discourse and pain are so prevalent, I need to be reminded that all people are beloved children of God and that we are called to live in a way that makes God's kingdom a reality here on earth. This means showing compassion instead of indifference and choosing love over hate.

The lyrics of, *For Heaven's Sake*, remind me to seek the Jesus way. I pray they do the same for you.

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Lori*

### **For Heaven's Sake**

Have we lost all our hope in each other?  
Have we forgotten we're sisters and brothers?  
Can we be a little more like Jesus to one another?  
Can we give a little grace for Heaven's sake?  
Maybe we could learn to love if we'd stop hiding  
Maybe we could learn to trust if we'd stop fighting  
If we fall down on our knees, we could finally start to see  
That He loves us all the same, for Heaven's sake  
May we all learn to seek understanding  
May we all learn to give open-handed  
Pouring out our very best, letting Jesus do the rest  
So they know His name, for Heaven's sake  
For the sake of all that's good and holy  
Drop the hatred that we're holding  
Let the perfect blood of Jesus wash it all away  
Lay our pride down at the altar  
Hand it over to the Father  
Until our hearts are changed for Heaven's sake  
Songwriters: Sajan Nauriyal / Leanna Crawford / Nick Bays

**A Quote from Pope Leo XIV**

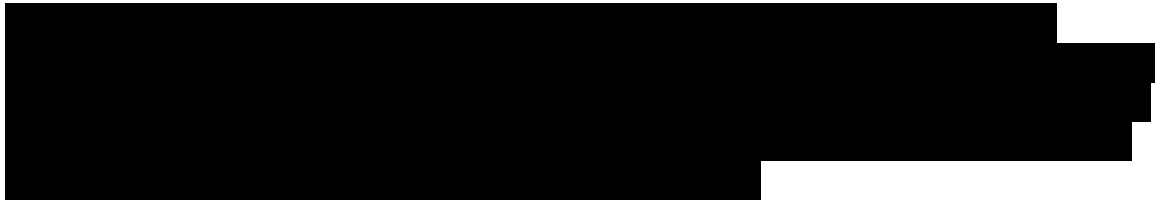
*Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others, and speak about others.*

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***Church Council News***

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

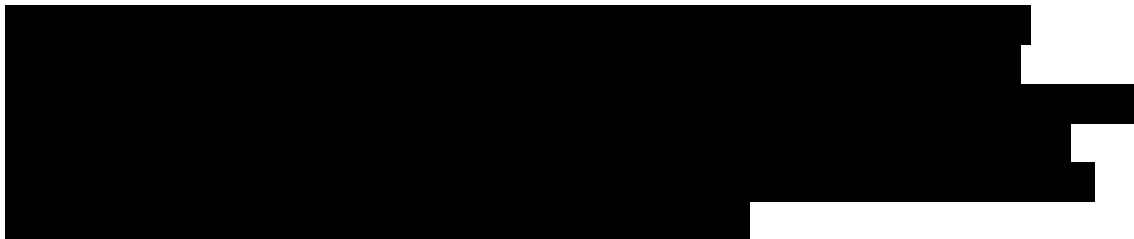
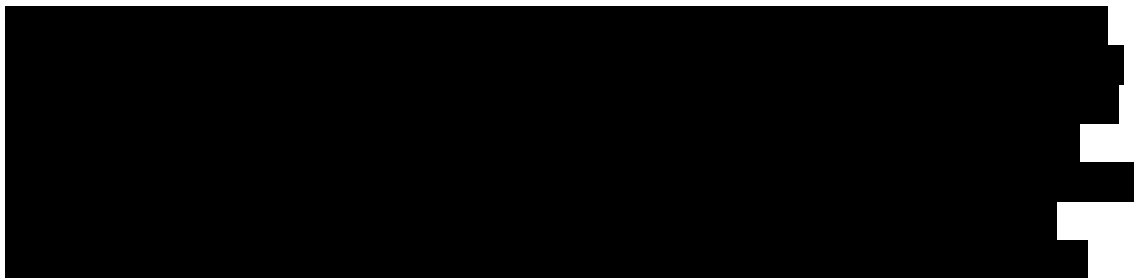


Supporting these outreach ministries of St. Paul's was something that Charlie was very passionate about in his lifetime. Honoring his faith example in this way will allow others to experience the love and compassion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ that we reflect through the Holy Spirit.

We as a spiritual community are truly blessed to have disciples like Charlie in our midst who model Christ-like behavior through their words and deeds. Praise God for them and the many blessings that we have received.

In His service,  
*Brian Foster, President*

## Financial Snapshot



Your generous giving has put us on sound financial footing through the first four months of this year. We will continue to remain vigilant in our efforts to keep costs under control. We praise God for the many blessings that we have received and continue to nurture our current ministries and search for ways to enable new ministries at St. Paul's through your faithful support.

In His service,  
*Brian Foster, President*

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## ***Faith Formation***

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### **Wednesday Faith Formation**

Join us for a ten-week study that explores our core value of service in a variety of contexts: family, creation, relationships, the church and the workplace. Classes meet from 10:30 – noon beginning on June 4<sup>th</sup>. You can participate in person and on Zoom. Contact Pastor Lori if you would like a copy of the study book or if you have any questions about faith formation at St. Paul's.



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## ***Social Ministry***

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### **Paul's Place**

On Thursday, May 15, Paul's Place had the pleasure of hosting the 2 Peace Band from Geneva, NY. This is a husband and wife duo that play music and sing songs from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. They brought back many memories of our younger (and more agile days). However, the music did inspire several guests to get up and dance. It was a fun time for all. Paul's Place is thankful to God and the continued support of this congregation and the Penn Yan community as we move forward with this vital outreach program.

There are always openings for anyone that you might think could benefit from this program. Advise them to call the church office and I will return their call. *Angie Bailey.*



## Sharing Shed June 2025

Thank you for helping to stock the Sharing Shed. We are now ordering paper products in bulk so we will not be collecting those.

These are our needs for the month of June:

### **Cereal: Boxes or Individual Cups**

Cheerios, Rice Crispies, Corn Flakes, Raisin Bran, Other kid-friendly kinds

### **Canned Fruit: Individual fruit cups or cans**

Peaches, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, Pears

These items can be placed in the box next to the Social Ministry table. Thank you



## Hunger Offering for June

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me in.*

*Matthew 25:35*

Each month we collect an offering to help feed hungry people and help hurting communities in our county and around the world. Sixty percent of the offering is used to combat world hunger. Forty percent is given to local organizations to help them “feed” people either physically, emotionally or spiritually. This month, the local part of our hunger offering will be given to **Yates County Food Program/ProAction.**



Your offering can be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or mailed directly to church. Remember to designate the amount you want to give on the hunger line of your envelope or write “Hunger Offering” on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for helping to care for our neighbors near and far!

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# ***Worship***

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## **June News from the Pews**

### **Sunday June 1**

### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20-21    John 17: 20-26

**HOD:** Lord, Who the Night You were Betrayed ELW 463

### **Sunday June 8**

### **Pentecost 10:00 AM**

Ecumenical Worship in the Park

Remember your chairs and to wear red in honor of the day!

### **Sunday June 15**

### **Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 6:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One.

**HOD:** Holy Spirit, Truth Devine ELW 398

### **Sunday June 22**

### **Second Sunday After Pentecost**

Isiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8: 26-39

Paul reminds us of the power of our baptism to free and unite us.

**HOD:** Cast Out, Oh Christ ACS 1016

### **Sunday June 29**

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Brunch Church with Narrative Holy Communion

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9: 51-62

What does it mean to be a disciple?

**HOD:** Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798

**Liturgy Components for Trinity Sunday:** Our Hymn of Praise will be Father Most Holy which is ELW 415. The Gospel Acclamation that day will be God's Word is Our Great Heritage ELW 509. We will use pieces of Setting Three for the Communion liturgy.

We are now entering the lengthy season of Pentecost where our paraments remain green, a sign of growth in the church and in our faith. June 22-August 31 is known as Early Pentecost. There will be a few things in our worship service that will be different beginning June 22, 2025. These changes are not meant to confuse, but to help enhance our worship time together in word and in music. As we learn new hymns and settings, we grow together in our faith, discipleship, and love for God and each other.

The Hymn of Praise, the Gospel Acclamation, and the Communion liturgy are taken from Setting 12 which is found in the new music supplement, All Creation Sings. We will use an Affirmation of Faith as our Creed during this time. It follows the Apostle's Creed, the wording is different, yet the meaning is the same. The Offertory is also from All Creation Sings and is a hymn entitled *God of the Fertile Fields*. Throughout June, July, and August, rather than Pastor Lori saying the Benediction, we will be singing a hymn entitled *May the God of Hope Go with Us* which is also found in All Creation Sings.

The Worship and Music Team is always open to hear your thoughts on the new pieces used during worship. Sing them and hear them in the service for a couple of weeks, and let us know how they enhance worship for you, or what you like or don't like about them. Worship is our relationship with God in action and as individuals coming together as a community. We are blessed by His love and His word to go and be His disciples in the world around us. Thanks be to God!

### **Ecumenical Pentecost Worship Service**

We will be celebrating the festival of Pentecost this year with four other churches on Sunday, June 8th at 10:00 am on the Courthouse lawn. The offering will go to support the feeding ministry at ProAction. You are also encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item for their food pantry.

Remember to wear red and to bring a lawn chair! Let Pastor Lori know if you would like a ride to the service.





## Worship Leadership

	6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Assisting Ministers					
Ushers (2)					
Greeters					
Readers					
Altar Guild					
Sound Board					
Computer					
Counters					

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## *Congregational Care*

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### Parish Life Sign-up

The Parish Life Committee has a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, across from the office, for hosting a fellowship time after the church service. Individuals or a group can host. It can be coffee and cookies, just cookies, or whatever you would like! Any parish life committee member would gladly assist. We value the time we can converse with others in our church!

## **“Shower” Each Other with Messages of Love**



Each month, we will “shower” someone from St. Paul’s with messages of love. Please take a moment to send the person/s listed below a note of encouragement. May God use our communications to remind the recipient of God’s faithful presence and love.



## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **Birthdays**



### **Anniversaries**



## **Memorials**



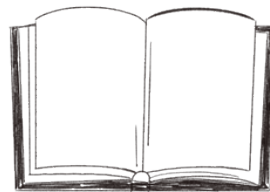
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## ***Reminders***

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### **Available Copies**

Copies of Christ in Our Home devotionals for July through September are available on the table in the Narthex.



### **Prayer Requests in Public Places**

Prayer is an important part of our faith. It is one of the ways we support each other during times of illness, crisis and grief. This is a faithful and powerful practice. Our intentions are often in the best place. However, some people prefer to keep their situation private. If you would like to include someone on the prayer list in the bulletin, during worship or through an email, please ask for their permission to make it public. Thank you.

### **Office Hours for the Month of June**

Please check the weekly announcements for the office hours. Hours will be varied due to the school year coming to an end.



*Mark your calendars, Father's Day is  
June 15<sup>th</sup>!*

### **Pastor Lori's Vacation**

Pastor Lori will be on vacation from June 17-22. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] if you have a pastoral emergency  
while she is away.



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## ***Community Events***

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### **Community Prayer Service**

The next Community Prayer Service will be on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:15 pm.

### **Volunteer Want Ads**

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

Provide lunch for the Saturday workers  
[REDACTED]

#### **The Living Well**

Various opportunities to support the programs that serve adults and children in need in our community.  
[REDACTED]

#### **Penn Yan Community Café**

Help prepare and serve meals to the community on the second and last Tuesday of every month.  
[REDACTED]

#### **Yates Christmas Program**

Provides a program to ensure that no child in Penn Yan and Dundee School Districts goes without during the holiday season. Donate items, help distribute items, bell ringing  
[REDACTED]

#### **Literacy Volunteers**

Volunteer to tutor, help as an office volunteer. Literacy Volunteers serves both native English speakers and those learning English as a second language. Tutoring is done in English, no foreign language skill is required. Tutors receive free training and ongoing staff support as they work one-on-one with learners. Office volunteers provide a variety of support to staff. [REDACTED]

# FEAST & FLOURISH

**JUNE 11, 2025 6-9PM**

**SUPPORT THE LIVING WELL  
MISSION'S YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**JOIN US FOR DINNER, DESSERT  
AND AN AUCTION  
AT CLIMBING BINES**

**FOOD PROVIDED BY  
DEAN LANE DINING**

**TICKETS ON SALE  
UNTIL JUNE 1ST  
\$100**



CLIMBING BINES  
511 HANSEN POINT RD. PENN YAN, NY 14527

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## Thank You Notes

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Thank you for thinking of Matthew 25: Ministries  
and supporting our work with those in need.

By donating clean, empty plastic pill bottles, you  
are helping care for those in need and helping  
the environment by keeping plastic out of the  
landfill. Please note that as of 03/01/2023 we are  
requesting only clean, capped bottles that have  
been prepared for shipment.

Thank you for your support of this program, and  
thank you for caring for people in need worldwide.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joodi Archer".

Joodi Archer

Director of Programs & Community Relations

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**



**NEWS FOR THE JULY 2025 EPISTLE IS DUE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**